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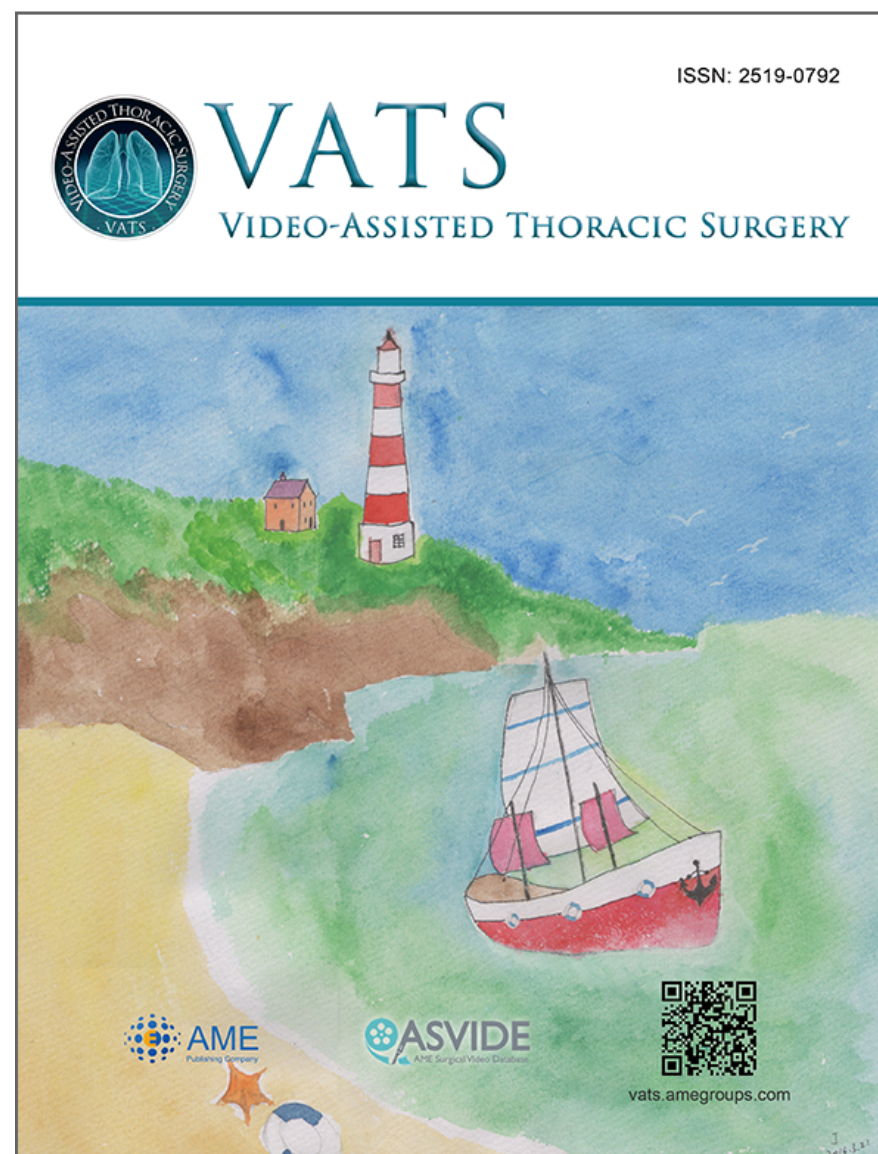


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1. Basic Information



- The **1st** English journal dedicated to VATS in international community
- Launched in **May 2016**
- Indexed in ESCI in **December 2018**
- **International, Peer-Reviewed, Open-Access**
- The VATS journal will serve as a dedicated place where key questions in the field of VATS surgery may be answered by publishing flexible and diverse article genres **in a fast electronic publication mode**.
- Technical questions will easily be addressed because of its ability to **publish videos**.

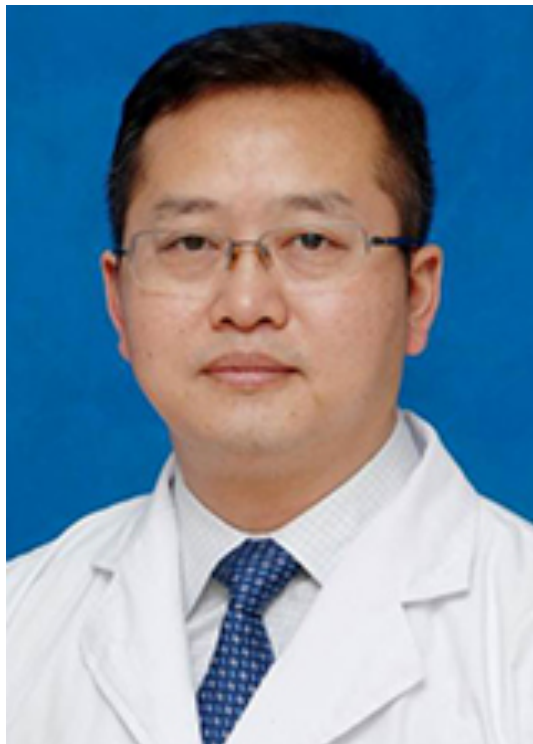


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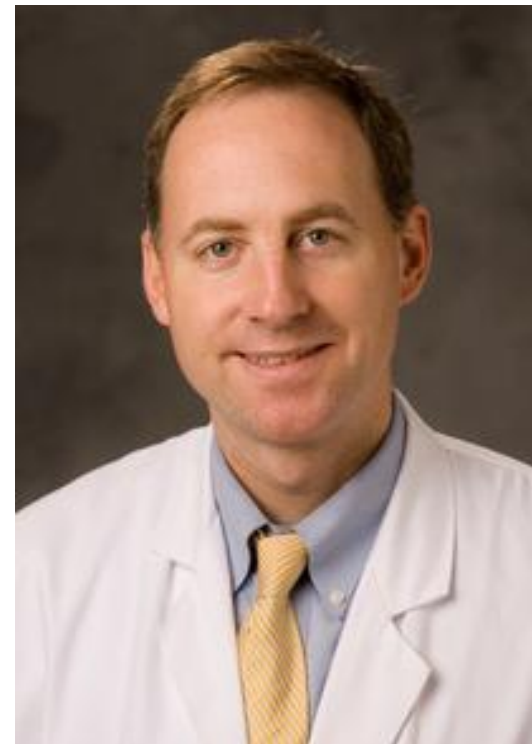


2. Editors-in-Chief



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On behalf of the VATS editorial team, we would like to extend our heartfelt gratitude to all the Editorial Board Members, Guest Editors, Section Editors, Authors, Reviewers and Readers who have contributed to and supported VATS since its birth. In the new year, we warmly welcome more excellent surgeons and researchers to join us to make VATS an innovative and significant platform for the field.

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3. VATS Editorial Board Members

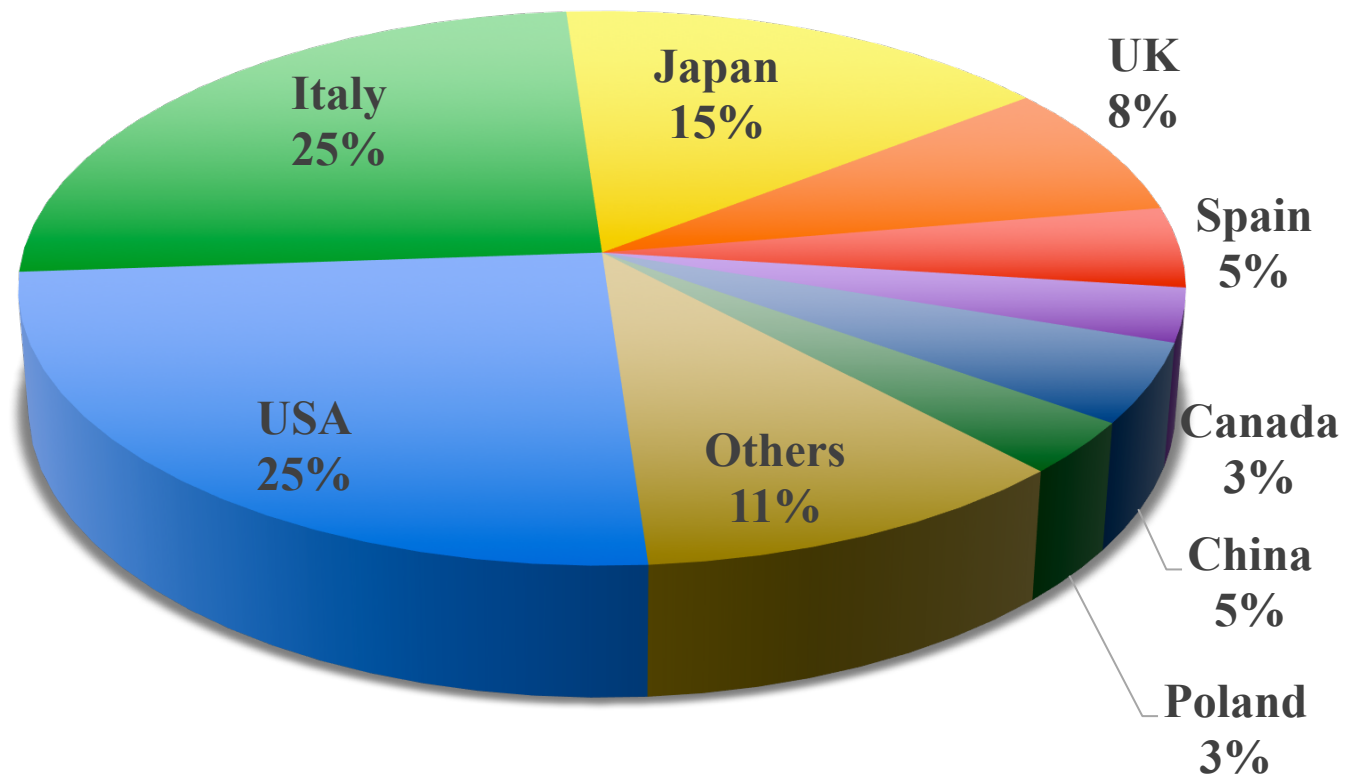


VATS has **64** Editorial Board Members from **15** countries. Among them, 25% from USA, 25% from Italy and 15% from Japan etc.

19 experts joined VATS Editorial Board in 2019.



4. Geographical Distribution of VATS Editorial Board Members



A total of 64 Members

- 2 Editors-in-Chief
- 62 Editorial Board Members

Note : Others include Denmark, France, Germany, Brazil, Greece, Israel and Turkey.



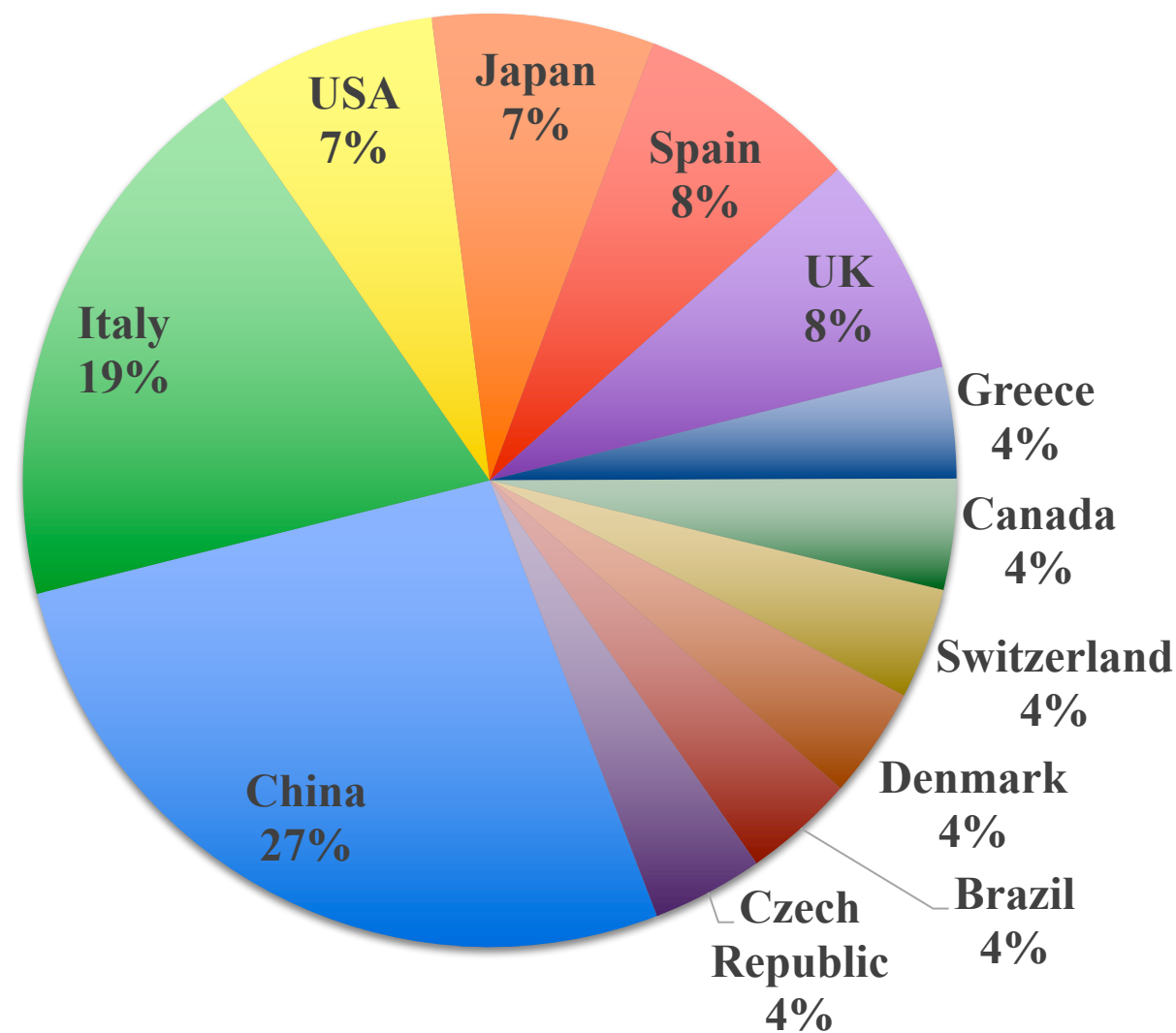
5. Diverse Types of Published Articles in 2019



VATS altogether has published **189** articles since its launch in 2016, including 26 in 2019, with diverse article types.



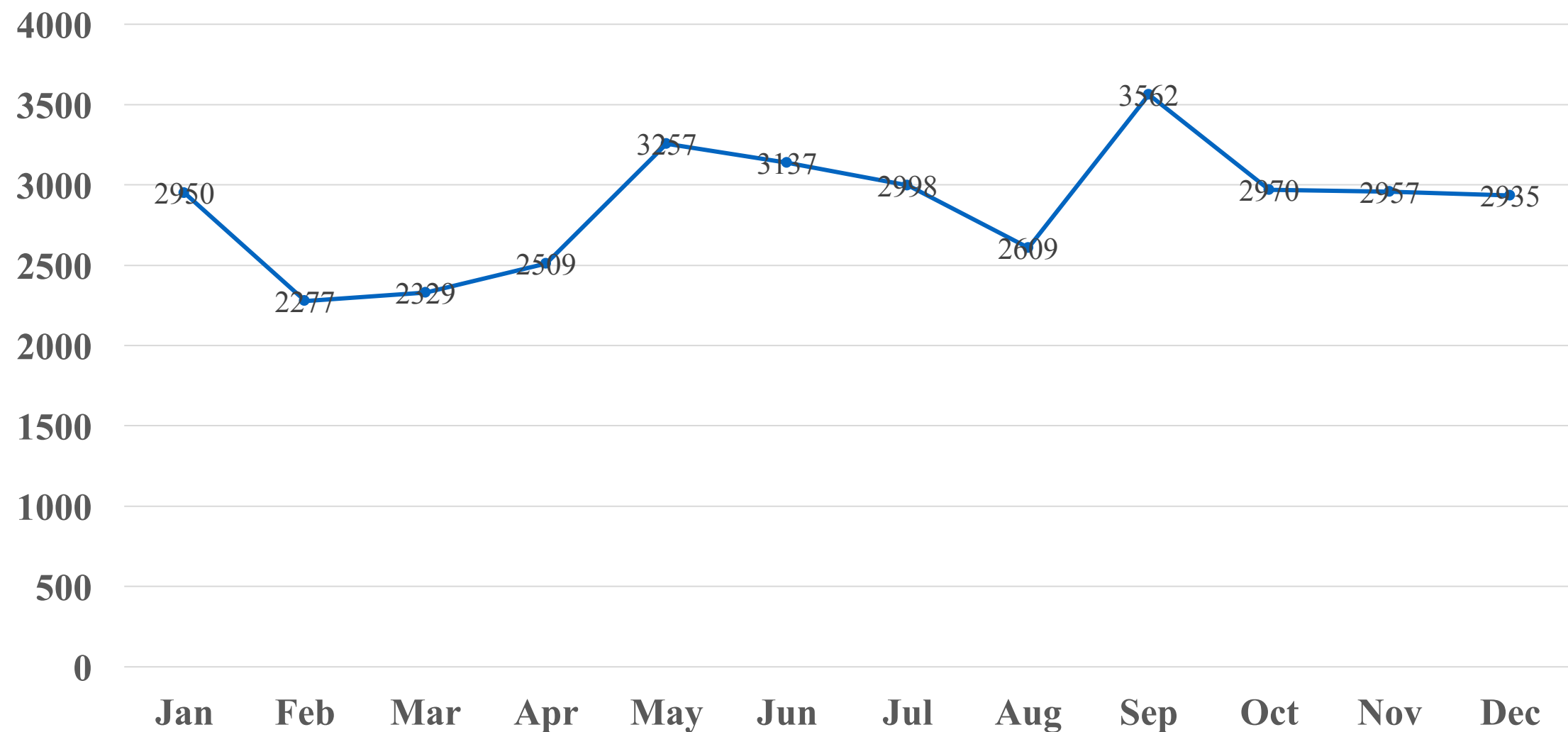
6. International Diversity of Corresponding Authors



Corresponding authors of the 26 articles published in 2019 come from different countries and areas with the majority from **USA, Italy, and China.**



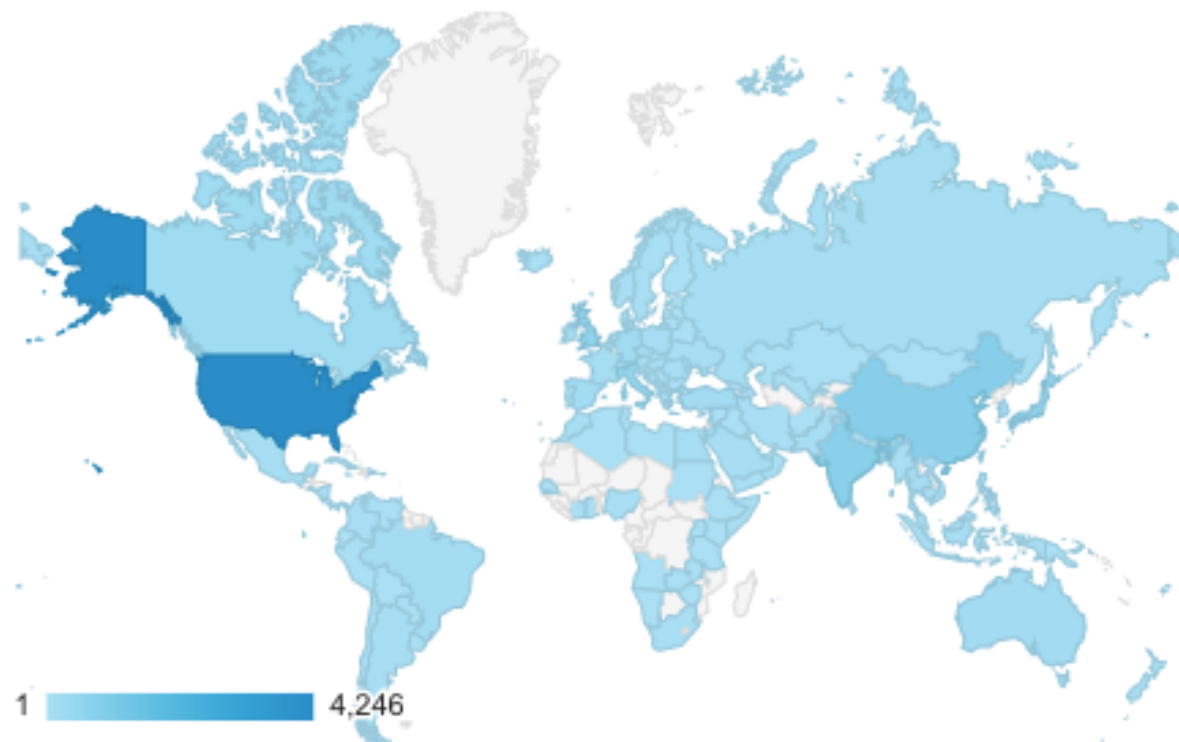
7. Page Views of the Website (2019)



Note: Data were collected from Google Analytics on Dec. 31, 2019.



8. Website Visits in 2019



| | Country | Users | % Users |
|----|----------------|-------|---------|
| 1. | United States | 4,246 | 33.58% |
| 2. | China | 933 | 7.38% |
| 3. | India | 851 | 6.73% |
| 4. | United Kingdom | 659 | 5.21% |
| 5. | Japan | 654 | 5.17% |
| 6. | Italy | 543 | 4.29% |

All together **12,589** visitors. Readers who visited VATS website in 2019 were from diverse countries and regions, with the **majority from USA**, followed by China, India and UK. Other countries include Japan, Italy, Canada and Germany etc.

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9. Special Section “Troubleshooting VATS: Tips and Tricks”

“In meetings, it is common for surgeons to discuss a difficult situation that they encountered only to find that other colleagues have found themselves in the same situation and have developed workarounds to solve the problem...This special section is devoted to the publication and discussion of such issues in the conduct of either simple or complex video assisted or robot assisted surgeries. We hope that the thoracic surgical community will embrace this opportunity to share their collective wisdom and experience.”

Foreword of the new section “Troubleshooting VATS: tips and tricks”

Sai Yendamuri, Lunxu Liu, Mark W. Onaitis

Thoracoscopic pleural tenting following bullectomy to reduce postoperative air leak

Pankaj Kumar Garg, Sai Yendamuri



Chair: Sai Yendamuri, MD, FACS, FCCP

Professor and Chair. Department of Thoracic Surgery, Roswell Park Cancer Institute, Buffalo, NY, USA



10. Special Section “Meet the Professor”

Featured interviews with global Key Opinion Leaders were published in our column, providing a window into the new developments, breakthroughs, and achievements in the interviewees’ professional fields, both in their clinics and research.

Meet the Professor

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Prof. Kostas Papagiannopoulos: six key points of technique for pulmonary segmentectomy

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Prof. Tomasz Grodzki: a Polish pioneer in lung transplantation [More >>](#)



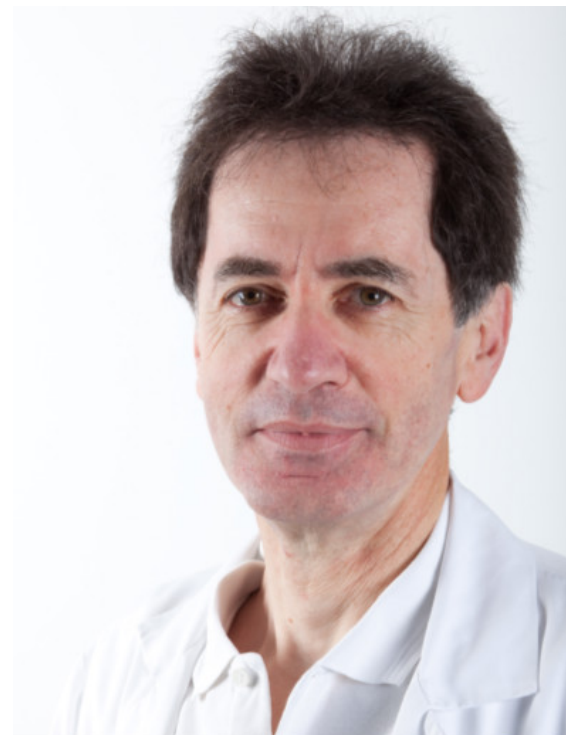
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11. Published Focused Issues and Guest Editors (2019)

Focused Issue

New Technologies for Advanced VATS



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12. Upcoming Focused Issues and Guest Editors

Focused Issue

VATS: Primary Spontaneous Pneumothorax



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Focused Issue

Uniportal VATS Segmentectomy



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Focused Issue

Robotic VS Uniportal VATS



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Focused Issue

Robotic Segmentectomies



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Focused Issue

Robotic Surgery for Lung Cancer



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Focused Issue

Minimally Invasive Esophagectomy for Esophageal Carcinoma



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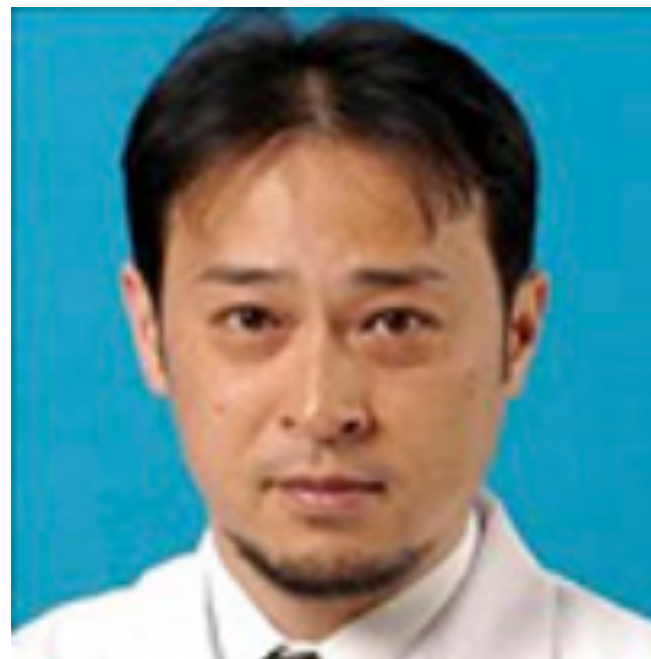
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Focused Issue

**Oncological Clearance of VATS Lobectomy for Clinical
N0 Non-small Cell Lung Cancer**



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13. Exhibition on Academic Forums in 2019



The VATS journal was exhibited at the 2019 AATS Focus on Thoracic Surgery: Lung and Esophageal Cancer Meeting and aroused great interest among international experts.



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14. Introduction of the Publisher AME

Our Publisher—

AME Publishing Company

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- Established in 2009
- Registered in Hong Kong
- 10 offices around the world
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 - 18 indexed in PubMed/PMC/MEDLINE
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